

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
June 19, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): 06/13/2008**

**Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 000-25739**

**MD**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**58-2328421**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**6200 The Corners Parkway**

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**Suite 500**

**Norcross, GA 30092-3365**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**770-325-3700**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

**(d) Appointment of Frank C. McDowell as Director**

On June 13, 2008, the board of directors of Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (the Registrant ) appointed Frank C. McDowell to serve as a director of the Registrant. Mr. McDowell is a veteran of the real estate industry, most recently having served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of BRE Properties, Inc. a self-administered equity REIT, which owns and operates income-producing properties, primarily apartments, in selected Western U.S. markets from 1995 until his retirement in 2004. From 1992 to 1995, Mr. McDowell was chairman and CEO of Cardinal Realty, the nation's fifteenth largest apartment management company and the nineteenth largest owner of multifamily housing at the time. Before joining Cardinal Realty Services, Mr. McDowell had served as a senior executive and head of real estate at First Interstate Bank of Texas and Allied Bancshares, where he had responsibility for regional management, real estate lending and problem asset workout. Mr. McDowell holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin, where he also earned his undergraduate degree. Mr. McDowell is expected to serve on the Capital and Compensation Committees of the Board. Mr. McDowell's compensation as a director will be provided on the same basis as that provided to the Company's other non-employee directors, as further described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

**Signature(s)**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc.

Date: June 19, 2008

By:

/s/ Robert E. Bowers  
Robert E. Bowers  
Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President